

Office of EPA

Re: Ohio Rubber Company Odor Complaints

Mr. Jerome P. Ranally
Councilman - Ward 3
1 Public Square
Willoughby, Ohio 44094

November 14, 1984

Dear Mr. Ranally:

This letter is in response to your November 8, 1984 letter to Mr. Dennis Bush of our office.

On October 31, 1984, Mr. Leon Weitzel (Lake County Health Department) and I observed a blowdown of an autoclave. Some odors were observed and an apparent leakage of the wastewater header system was witnessed.

On November 14, 1984, I observed the loading of an autoclave. This procedure is not believed to be the origin of the odor problem.

Conrad Hornung was recently hired by Ohio Rubber Company to handle EPA and OSHA matters at the plant. I will be sending him a letter shortly regarding the autoclaves. A copy of this letter will be sent to you under separate cover.

Copies of an odor survey form, drafted by Leon Weitzel have been forwarded to your office and the Mayor of Willoughby for your review. Once the form is approved, it will be available for persons complaining of odors. The information from these surveys, hopefully will pinpoint the source of the odors.

If you have further questions regarding this or other matters, please contact me at (216) 425-9171.

Sincerely,

Dan Powell

Dan Powell
Environmental Scientist
Division of Air Pollution Control
Northeast District Office

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To be sent to the
supplementants - China
Kaiser Order - if you
think it is
OK

Address:

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(Not to be filled out by observer -
weather conditions)

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Odor Check Instructions

Odor Description - use the following code. Mark on check sheet one or more as applicable.

- A. Acids
- B. Alcohols
- C. Paints, thinners, or lacquers
- D. Petroleum products (such as gasoline, kerosene, tar, naphthalene, diesel fuel)
- E. Sewage
- F. Rotting materials
- G. Rotten eggs
- H. Other (describe on odor check sheet)

Odor Strength - use the following code. Mark on check sheet one or more as applicable.

- 1. Barely noticeable
- 2. Noticeable
- 3. Fairly strong
- 4. Strong

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<u>N.E.D.O.</u>	<u>. Lake</u>	<u>7/1/85</u>	<u>7/1/85</u>
<u>OEPA District</u>	<u>County</u>	<u>Date Received</u>	<u>Date(s) Investigated</u>
<u>TYPE</u>		<u>COMPLAINANT: (Name, Address, Phone)</u>	
Open burning _____ Verbal _____		Sargent Clair	
Fugitive dust _____ Written _____		Willoughby Police Dept. 951-1234	
Odor _____ Residential _____		via - Ken Shultz	
Flyash _____ Commercial <u>X</u>		OEPA Emergency Response	
Other <u>smoke</u> _____		<u>ALLEGED POLLUTER: (Name, Address, Phone)</u>	
<u>LAW (Reference)</u> _____		Ohio Rubber	
_____		3911 Ben Hur	
_____		Willoughby, OH 942-0500	

PERSON(S) CONTACTED: (Name, Position, Phone, Date, Time)

<u>STATEMENT OF COMPLAINANT</u> Black Smoke very heavy Sunday, 6/30/85 at about 8:45 p.m. It was so bad that several calls were made to the fire dept. that Ohio Rubber was on fire and visibility on Vine St. was close to zero.	<u>STATEMENT OF ALLEGED POLLUTER</u> Problems occurred when a boiler was being started. RECEIVED JUL 11 1985 OHIO EPA-N.E.D.O.
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SITE DESCRIPTION AND FINDINGS: (When, Where, What, How, Who, Why)
Map and additional comments on back

Emergency Response was notified by Sargent Clair of Willoughby police department. The plant (Ohio Rubber) was contacted and the smoke subsided within 20 minutes. The explanation from the plant was that the boiler was being started and they ran into some problems.

Called Sargent Clair at the police station but he was not available. I left a message for him to contact me.

RECOMMENDATIONS: Violation _____ No Violation _____ Undetermined ✓

V. E. readings were taken Monday 7/1/85 and showed no problems at the present time.

Vicki A. Vesel 7/1/85
Investigator/Date

Leon A. Weitzel 7/5/85
Reviewer/Date

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<u>NEDO</u>	<u>Lake</u>	<u>2/1/85</u>	<u>2/1/85</u>
<u>OEPA District</u>	<u>County</u>	<u>Date Received</u>	<u>Date(s) Investigated</u>
<u>TYPE</u>		<u>COMPLAINANT: (Name, Address, Phone)</u>	
Open burning _____	Verbal _____	X	Greg Gerth
Fugitive dust _____	Written _____		8157 Broadmoor Rd. (Rt. 306)
Odor _____	Residential _____		Mentor, OH 953-8750 (home) 481-8100 ext. 328
Flyash _____	Commercial _____		
Other _____			<u>ALLEGED POLLUTER: (Name, Address, Phone)</u>
LAW (Reference) _____			Ohio Rubber
			3911 Ben Hur Ave.
			Willoughby, OH 942-0500

PERSON(S) CONTACTED: (Name, Position, Phone, Date, Time)

STATEMENT OF COMPLAINANT Since trees were cut down near Rt. 90, odor frequency has increased from 2 to 3 times each year to 2 days each week. Thinks odor may be harmful, believes it is some chemical used to burn the rubber from the molds.

STATEMENT OF ALLEGED POLLUTER

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Mr. Gerth lives 4 - 5 miles from Ohio Rubber.

RECOMMENDATIONS: Violation _____ No Violation _____ Undetermined X

Sent odor form & told him to call us if odor persists.

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NEDO OEPA District	Lake County	1/30/85 Date Received	1/30/85 Date(s) Investigated
<u>TYPE</u>		<u>COMPLAINANT: (Name, Address, Phone)</u>	
Open burning _____	Verbal _____	X	Mrs. Elizabeth Edwards
Fugitive dust _____	Written _____		36715 Stevens Blvd.
Odor X _____	Residential _____		Willoughby
Flyash _____	Commercial _____		942-1075
Other _____			<u>ALLEGED POLLUTER: (Name, Address, Phone)</u>
LAW (Reference) _____			Ohio Rubber
			3911 Ben Hur
			Willoughby
			942-0500

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STATEMENT OF COMPLAINANT Concerned about Ohio Rubber Odor - thinks it may be harmful. In 1983 and 1984, occurred January - May, every Friday from 7:30 p.m. on. Wanted to know what butadiene smelled like.

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Asked her to fill out odor form. Call if odor lingers. Normally, she said it does not last long.

Leon A. Weitzel 2/1/85

Reviewer/Date